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Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 30, 2004, applicants provisionally elect Group III, Claims 49-63, drawn to a method of editing a text document.

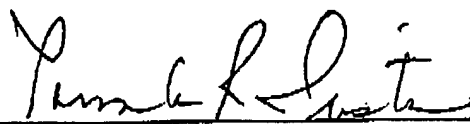
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Claims 1-38, drawn to a method of style-checking a text document (designated Group I), and Claims 39-48, drawn to a method of quantifying reader discomfort (designated Group II), are hereby withdrawn without prejudice for presentation in a later co-pending divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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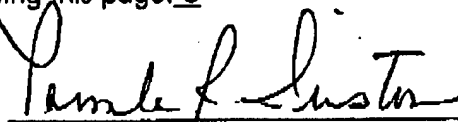
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